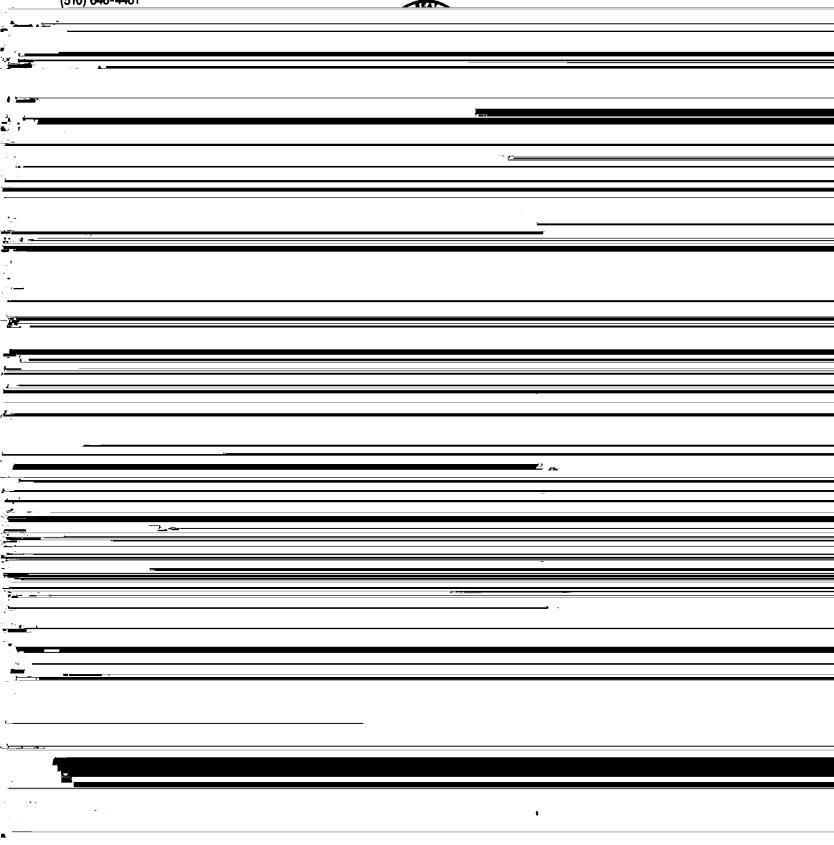
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- 4. The current licensee should remain the licensee for the narrowband channels which will be split out of the wideband channel, up to the year 2005, which will be ten years from adoption of the FCC regulations. This will give local governments the time required to make such a tremendous changeover in equipment which the new narrowband channels will require.
- 5. We disagree that the frequency coordinating agencies would manage their proposed major role in administering channel exclusivity, and therefore **Insist that public safety agencies** be enabled to **retain** their control over their radio traffic. If **channel exclusivity** is lost, public safety agencies' ability to respond to emergency requests from the public will suffer significantly.
- 6. We urge the members of the Federal Communications Commission to seek input from local, regional and state communication directors. To place the burden and costs of the problems addressed in this legislation on the backs of local government is not an appropriate answer.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet S. Grenslitt, Chair

**Emergency Communications Advisory Body** 

cc: Board of Supervisors

Phil Batchelor, County Administrator